HB 2027 A -A3, -A4   STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

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Meeting Dates:	5/10, 5/31

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits construction of bridge within designated areas of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway.

No fiscal impact, no revenue impact

House Vote: Passed.Ayes, 54; Absent, 1--Rayfield; Excused, 2--McKeown, Smith G; Excused for Business of the House, 3--Lininger, McLane, Sollman

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
- State Scenic Waterways Program
- Trail development
- Local process regarding footbridge
- Deschutes River recreational use

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-A3 Replaces measure. Prohibits construction of a bridge crossing the Deschutes Scenic Waterway beginning at City of Bend urban growth boundary at river mile 172 and extending downstream one mile to river mile 171.

-A4 Replaces measure. Prohibits construction of a bridge crossing the Deschutes Scenic Waterway beginning at City of Bend urban growth boundary at river mile 172 and extending downstream one mile to river mile 171. Allows the construction of a pedestrian and bicycle bridge crossing the Deschutes Scenic Waterway that begins at City of Bend urban growth boundary at river mile 172 and extends upstream approximately 520 feet.

BACKGROUND:

Oregonians voted in 1970 to establish the Scenic Waterways Program to balance waterway protection and use through cooperation between federal, state, and local agencies as well as individual property owners and those who recreate along a waterway. ORS 390.835 declares that the highest and best uses of the waters within scenic waterways are recreation, fish and wildlife uses and directs that the free-flowing character of these waters be maintained in quantities necessary for these uses. The program is administered by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) and currently includes approximately 1,200 miles on 22 waterways.

House Bill 2027A would prohibit the construction of any bridge within designated areas of the Deschutes Scenic Waterway.